

MENTOR MICHIGAN DIRECTORY

CALHOUN COUNTY

This listing for Calhoun County is organized first by programs that serve the entire county, and second by programs serving a specific city within this county.

The cities are listed alphabetically.

COUNTY-WIDE

Volunteer Center of Battle Creek

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Program Description:

Volunteer Centers recruit, train, and place volunteers in nonprofit organizations throughout their service area. They are inclusive, serving all nonprofits and residents—they do not limit their service to a particular issue, group of people, or type of activity. Michigan's Volunteer Centers are all prepared to assist mentors find organizations where they can volunteer. Volunteer Centers often take a leadership position in convening organizations and individuals to find solutions to complex community issues. They live their belief that people enrich their own lives and strengthen their communities through volunteer service.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Big Brothers Big Sisters, A Community of Caring – Child Mentoring

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Program Description:

Big Brothers Big Sisters, A Community of Caring provides one-on-one mentoring programs in a school-based or community-based setting. In the community-based program, the mentor and mentee share activities they both enjoy such as fishing, baking cookies, going to sporting events, watching movies, etc. These matches generally get together two to four times a month. In the school-based program, volunteers meet with the child at his/her school once a week for an hour. They usually talk, play games, or work on homework. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a nine month commitment.

ExperienceSeniorPower.com

Tony Fama

Maria Madeline Project, Inc.

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Program Description:

Through ExperienceSeniorPower.com, children and senior citizens learn computer and job skills together. Children receive an adult role model through these “adoptive grandparent” relationships and seniors have the opportunity to contribute their life experience and knowledge. This program includes one-on-one, group, team, and e-mentoring activities. Senior volunteers are expected to make a one year commitment during morning, afternoon, or weekend hours.

COUNTY-WIDE CONTINUED

Michigan Youth Leadership Forum

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Program Description:

The Michigan Youth Leadership Forum involves 35 high school students that have disabilities. The students are integrated with other students and adults with disabilities to learn leadership, social skills, and citizenship. The program involves one-on-one, team, and peer mentoring and takes place during one week during the summer. The program is managed by the Michigan Commission on Disability Concerns. Volunteers are expected to commit to one full week in the summer and follow up activities.

Starr Commonwealth - Mental Health Programs

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Program Description:

Starr Commonwealth mentors work with children that have been diagnosed with an emotional impairment. Working one-on-one with the children requires patience, as many of them have behavior issues. Mentors work in collaboration with a therapist to address specific goals. Mentors are expected to make a one year commitment, which involves three to four hours per week during afterschool, evening, or weekend hours. Starr Commonwealth mentors receive \$10 per hour for the time spent with a child.

ALBION

Albion Volunteer Service Organization

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BATTLE CREEK

Calhoun Community High School

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Program Description:

Calhoun Community High School is an alternative high school that serves youth in danger of not graduating. The school has a one-on-one mentoring program where mentors serve as friends and role models for their mentees as well as helping them with their academic studies. Volunteer mentors are expected to make a six month commitment, which involves two to four hours per month during school hours or on the weekend.

BATTLE CREEK CONTINUED

Operation G.R.A.D. Mentorship Program

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Program Description:

The Operation G.R.A.D. Mentorship Program offers personalized concern, interest, and moral support to middle and high school students through one-on-one and peer mentoring programs. Mentoring relationships are developed with established members of the community who expose the youth to values, customs, advice, and cultural enrichment. The mentors also have access to networks generally unavailable to students so they motivate students to prepare and plan for the future. The program's objectives include self esteem enhancement, knowledge and use of appropriate behaviors, and career opportunity awareness. Most of the matches last a lifetime as the majority of students continue to contact their mentors at least once a year after graduation. Volunteer mentors are expected to commitment to a least one hour per week and to sending to emails each week.